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SUBJECT: IATTC ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

1. IN SPITE OF GOP ACTION TO WITHDRAW FLAG FROM FOREIGN OWNED TUNA VESSELS, EARLIER GOP COMMITMENT TO UNDERTAKE NECESSARY ENFORCEMENT MEASURES, SUCH AS RADIO REPORTING AND INSPECTION, IS STILL OF VALUE TO USG. THIS IS TRUE BECAUSE TRANSSHIPPING WILL STILL BE TAKING PLACE IN PANAMA AND THUS INSPECTIONS WILL BE NECESSARY, AND ALSO BECAUSE GOP STILL HAS PLANS TO BUILD TUNA FLEET, ACCORDING TO GOP REPS AT PARIS IATTC MEETING. THUS IN FUTURE GOP MAY HAVE LARGE TUNA VESSELS WHICH WILL BE PANAMANIAN OWNED AS OPPOSED TO FOREIGN OWNED AS IS PRESENTLY THE CASE.

2. THUS USG WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN VIABILITY OF GOP COMMITMENT AND BELIEVES THAT TECHNICAL PROCEDURES FOR INSPECTION AND REPORTING SHOULD BE DEVELOPED. WE BELIEVE THAT MOST APPROPRIATE MECHANISM TO ACCOMPLISH THIS

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WOULD BE LETTER FROM HOWARD TO OBARRIO. THEY HAVE LONG-

STANDING WORKING RELATIONSHIP AND WE WOULD PREFER TO KEEP
ISSUE AT TECHNICAL AND WORKING LEVEL FOR TIME BEING.
HOWARD IS ON LEAVE AND WILL RETURN NOVEMBER 5; AT THAT TIME
WE WILL ASK HOWARD TO PREPARE LETTER. KISSINGER

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